| **Word/phrase** | | **Translation** | **Usage/memory aid** |
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| B  Making a life in the city of dreams It’s kind of a funny story | | | |
| ambitious | ehrgeizig | | * We’ve set ambitious goals, but if we work hard, we can achieve them. * ambitious → ambition |
| \*to be in a good mood | guter Laune sein | | * I knew she was in a good mood because she was smiling. |
| walkway | Fußgängerweg | | * You can’t cross the bridge by car, but there’s a walkway. * walkway → to walk |
| spotlight | Strahler; Scheinwerfer | | * The bulding looks beautiful in the red spotlight. |
| to illuminate | erleuchten | | * During the Christmas season, the city is beautifully illuminated. |
| dome | Kuppel | | * You can walk up to the dome of the building and enjoy the view. |
| giant | Riese; Gigant | | * Elephants are very big. They’re giants. |
| to decorate | dekorieren; verzieren; schmücken | | * We’ve decorated the house for Christmas. * to decorate → decorations |
| harbor (AE) | Hafen | | * The weather is bad, so the boats are staying in the harbor. |
| \*to light up | (sich) erhellen; anzünden | | * Her face lit up when she saw him. * to light up → light |
| cute | niedlich; süß | | * My friend has got a cute little dog. |
| downtown (AE) | Stadtzentrum; im Stadtzentrum | | * I think malls are boring. Shopping downtown is cooler! Downtown has changed a lot since the September 11 attacks. * downtown (AE) = in the city centre (BE) |
| pride | Stolz | | * She didn’t apologise because her pride got in the way. * to take pride in sth = to be proud of sth |
| threat | Bedrohung; Gefahr | | * Nuclear weapons were a constant threat during the Cold War. * threat → to threaten |
| port | Hafen; Hafenstadt | | * This port is very important for trade. * port = harbour |
| steel | Stahl | | * Steel is used to make things like bridges, cars, knives and forks etc. |
| plaque | Tafel; Platte | | * Who built this statue? – I don’t know. Let’s see what’s written on the plaque. |
| construction | Konstruktion; Aufbau; Bau | | * Skyscrapers and huge bridges must be dream projects for people who are interested in construction. * construction → to construct |
| stuff | Zeug | | * We’ve got a lot of old stuff in the garage! |
| to own | besitzen | | * This house belongs to us. We own it. * to own → owner |
| valuable | wertvoll | | * This old necklace could be extremely valuable. * valuable → value |
| lane | Fahrspur; Weg; Gasse | | * Eight-lane highways aren’t uncommon in the US. |
| metal | Metall; Metall- | | * The roof of the building is supported by metal beams. |
| urge | Drang; Verlangen | | * I felt an urge to shout at him that I could barely control. * urge → urgent |
| to declare | erklären | | * In 1776 the 13 British colonies declared their independence from Britain. * to declare → declaration |
| cable | Kabel | | * My brother has at least five cables to charge his phone. |
| handrail | Geländer | | * Hold onto the handrail when you walk down the stairs. They’re very steep. |
| cab | Taxi | | * It’s too far to walk. Let’s take a cab. * cab = taxi |
| horizon | Horizont | | * I could see the sun go down below the horizon. |
| edge | Rand; Kante | | * If you put the bottle on the edge of the table, it may fall off. |
| fence | Zaun | | * There’s a fence around the park. |
| \*to fall off | herunterfallen; hinunterfallen | | * I fell off my horse last week. |
| bar | Stange | | * The construction is held together by metal bars. |
| Christ | Christus | | * Christians worship Jesus Christ. * Christ → Christian → Christianity |
| to yell | brüllen; laut schreien | | * Don’t yell at me! |